

# Bounds Green School Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025



## A Message from Bounds Green

### A Message from Nadine

It has been wonderful to be back at Bounds Green today and to see so many familiar faces at the gate. I am pleased to be back and I had a brilliant week away at Pendarren in Wales last week with year 6.

Our Year 6 children had a fun, exhausting and wet time at Pendarren House in the Brecon Beacons in South Wales. We stayed at Pendarren House which is owned and run by Haringey Council. It is a complete change of scene for the children and offers experiences that many children would not have in their London lives. The children hiked up a mountain, crawled through caves, followed the path of a river from its source, canoed across a reservoir, walked through a pitch-black tunnel, sped down a zip line and hauled themselves up a climbing wall. We stayed in cosy dorm rooms and ate filling, nutritious meals. The Pendarren Instructors were expert and caring, keeping us all safe through all of the activities. Everyone faced challenges during the week and overcame them through true bravery and the support of their team-mates. We saw great personal growth for all of the children as they pushed themselves and became more independent.

We are very fortunate in Haringey to have this amazing facility to draw on and future generations of Year 6 children will benefit from the rewarding experiences on offer. The centre is a historic house with qualified, experienced instructors, mini-buses to drive groups to unique locations and amazing access to the Welsh countryside.



Back at Bounds Green School, Year 6 children who stayed here had an active week also, completing a project and having a treat when they visited the cinema to see Zootropolis 2.

We are now entering the final 3 weeks of term with many exciting activities planned, including: singing, violin, guitar, clarinet and trumpet performances; our Nursery and Reception Christmas dance and singing performance; Christmas dinner cooked by our skilled kitchen team; and Class Parties.



### Nut-Free School

Please remember that we are a nut-free school, this includes After School Club. Please don't pack an After School Club snack for your child that includes nuts, such as; peanut butter sandwiches, granola bars (as many also contain nuts), etc.



### No sesame at School

To help keep all our Pupils/staff safe, we ask families not to send any food containing sesame or sesame products (such as hummus, tahini, or sesame seeds) in lunches or snacks. Thank you for supporting a safe and healthy environment for everyone!

### School Payments

As an on-going reminder we'd like to make sure parents and carers keep up to date with their school payments. You can make payment via School Gateway using your mobile and email address. If you are having any troubles with creating an account or logging in, please make sure that the office has the most up-to-date information for you.

### Reporting Absences and Late Collections

If you need to report your child absent for any reason (sickness, appointment, etc) then please make sure you do this through the voicemail service on the phone, or through a text on School Gateway. Please don't email the admin email address as this is not continually monitored, especially during busy periods so may not be seen until later in the day. For any late collections or if someone different is collecting, please also call directly to the office with as much notice as

### **Staffing update**

At the end of this term, we will say "goodbye and many thanks" to Danni Leech, our specialist Art Teacher. Danni has created a true specialisms at Bounds Green in Art and Design Technology teaching. We are very grateful to Danni for all of her hard work to create rich learning experiences for our children at Bounds Green. Danni is leaving us to pursue her artistic interests elsewhere and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her future projects. I know her talents will see her succeed in future!



**From January**, a specialist company will be taking over teaching Art and Design Technology so that the children will continue to have specialist teaching while Class Teachers complete their planning and preparation for teaching.

### **Reception Application for September 2026**

A reminder that Reception applications need to be submitted by 15th January 2026. Any applications made after this time will be deemed as late applications. Applications need to be made through eadmissions, via the following website:

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

Once you've created your application and added all your documents, please remember to submit the application, once it's been successfully submitted then you will receive an email confirming it, along with a reference code, please keep record of this code for any future queries.



### **Library News - message from our Librarian, Catherine**

My sincere apologies to all the children but due to ongoing issues with our library software package, the library will remain closed for the time being. These issues will be sorted out very soon but, in the meantime, please could you return any library books that your children have at home. As soon as the software is back online, I will be carrying out an inventory of the books. I'm delighted that the children are showing so much enthusiasm for the library to re-open. It is a testament to how much the children enjoy being in the library and borrowing books. When the library does re-open in January, not only will there will be some new books on the New Book Shelf but, if all books are returned, their favourite books will be back on the shelves!



### **A Gentle Reminder for Pick-Up Time**

Please remember that once you have collected your child or children at home time, we kindly ask that you exit the school grounds promptly. We have a number of after-school activities and our After School Club running each day, and these groups use the playgrounds and outdoor spaces. Leaving the site promptly helps us keep these areas safe and ensures all activities can run smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation.

possible so that it can be passed onto the teacher

### **Children's absence/signing Children in/out:**

Please remember that if your child has had or needs to have any time off, or if there are any planned absences (such as holidays), it is important to communicate this directly with the school office. Kindly **do not** inform the teacher about these absences. The office needs to have accurate records for our attendance system, and will inform your child's teacher for you.

Additionally, if your child arrives late due to an appointment or other reasons, please ensure that they are signed in at the office. If you need to collect your child early (e.g., for an appointment or because they have been unwell), please sign them out at the office as well.

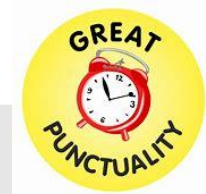
These procedures are in place to ensure we have accurate information for safety purposes, especially in the event of an emergency or fire alarm.



### **Attendance and Punctuality**

For more information about Children's attendance and punctuality at school, please see this information on our School's website, please see link below:

Bounds Green School Attendance and Punctuality



# School News

## Front Gate Reminder

This is a polite reminder to request that parents/carers don't prop any of the gates open, mainly the front gate to the school, when entering please don not allow other adults to follow into school, ask them to buzz and give their name and reason for entering. The gate needs to remain closed at all times for security reasons, especially during the school day when the children are in. If the gate does need to be propped open, it is only for school staff to do. Thank you for keeping our school site safe.

## Useful links to our website:

[Term-Dates-2025-2026.pdf](#)  
[Bounds Green Primary School | School Menu](#)  
[Bounds Green Primary School | Contact Us](#)  
[Bounds Green Primary School | External Clubs](#)



## Reception would like to ask for your help!

If you have any large planting pots, bird feeders, or other gardening items that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations. We are hoping to create a richer wildlife gardening area for the children to explore and enjoy. Thank you for supporting our outdoor learning!



## Sporting Success for Our Mixed Year 3/4 Team

Our mixed Year 3/4 team recently took part in the Haringey Football Tournament and achieved an amazing 8th place out of 25 schools! We are incredibly proud of the children for their teamwork, determination, and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. We want to celebrate their brilliant achievement and thank everyone who supported them. Well done, team!



## Lost Property Reminder

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property. Tess will be placing all unclaimed items on tables opposite the main office for viewing on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday this week**. Please take a moment to check if anything belongs to your child. Any remaining items at the end of the week will be donated to charity.



## Christmas Dinner Day and Paper Hat Making

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** is our Christmas Dinner Day. If your child usually brings in a packed lunch from home but would like a Christmas dinner on that day, please call the office by and we **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December by 11am** can book them on for a school lunch.



## Information for Nursery Parents

Please order your child's Christmas dinner via Gateway - £2.25. Nursery children are welcome to bring in a festive themed hat, or make a newspaper hat (details below).

## Information for Infant Parents

If your child already has a school meal then you will **not** need to notify us as your child will continue to receive the meal on that day as normal.



If your child is usually a packed lunch but you would like to order a Christmas lunch for that day, please call the office by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December by 11am** and we can book them on for a school lunch.

**Information for Junior Parents**

If your child already has a school meal then you will **not** need to notify us as your child will continue to receive the meal on that day as normal.

If your child is usually a packed lunch but you would like to order a Christmas lunch for that day, please call the office by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December by 11am** and we can book them on for a school lunch.

As usual we would like the children to make **newspaper** hats at home. They may use **sellotape** or **glue** to put the hat together but **no other materials** should be used. The idea is for the children to wear their hats during the Christmas lunch. Over the years we have seen some amazing creations. We look forward to judging this year's best milliners!



# CHRISTMAS LUNCH



**Thursday 18th of December**

**Traditional Roast Turkey**

**or**

**Festive Leek Wellington (Gluten/Milk)**

**All Served with**

**Roast Potatoes, Roasted Carrots,**

**Peas & Brussels Sprouts,**

**Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy (Gluten/Milk)**

**Followed By**

**Christmas Festive Desserts**

**Mince pies & Chocolate cake ( Gluten/Milk/Eggs)**

**or Fresh Fruit**

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# Important Dates

## Dates for your Diary

Below are important dates of which you should be aware. Wherever there is a new addition, it will be printed in **bold and highlighted in yellow** so that it stands out. In the case of Educational Visits, we aim to give as much notice as possible, however, please be mindful that occasionally last minute, educationally enriching opportunities arise which are considered too good an opportunity to pass up. Please look at this section of the newsletter every week as there are sometimes unavoidable changes to dates that you will need to take note of.

## Important Note on Dates:

We aim to provide parents with advance notice of important dates; however, due to various factors, sometimes these dates may need to be adjusted. For many of our performances, we work with external teachers who have other commitments, and we also need to balance performances across the school. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility if any changes occur.

<b>December 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03.12.25- Reception trip to Lyric theatre (Father Christmas)</li> <li>03.12.25-WCIT Violins RS &amp; Continuers -2.45pm</li> <li>04.12.25- WCIT Clarinet/Trumpet - LS &amp; continuers- 9.15am</li> <li>04.12.25- Y5 Trip to the Science Museum</li> <li>06.12.25 – Winter Fair – 1-4pm</li> <li>09.12.25-EYFS Xmas Play- 9.30am</li> <li>09.12.25-Y1 Trip to Arts Depot</li> <li>10.12.25-EYS Xmas Play-2.00pm</li> <li>10.12.25-Y3 Trip to The Natural History Museum</li> <li>10.12.25-BG Choir (4-6)- Ally Pally (More details to follow)</li> <li>17.12.25-Singing Assembly- Week 1 Y3- Upper Hall- 2.55pm</li> <li>19.12.25- Paddington dance lesson- Dining hall-9.10am</li> <li>19.12.25 - Last day (Christmas Break)</li> </ul>	<b>April 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13.04.26 - Return to school</li> <li>21.04.26-Y3 Dance performance- Upper hall 9.15am</li> </ul>
<b>January 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>05.01.26 - INSET day (No school)</li> <li>21.01.26-Y1 Singing assembly- upper hall</li> <li>28.01.26-Y2 Singing assembly -upper hall</li> </ul>	<b>May 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>04.05.26 – Bank Holiday – School Closed</li> <li>07.05.26 - School Closed (Polling Station for Borough elections)</li> </ul>
<b>February 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03.02.26-Y4 Dance performance upper hall-9.15am</li> <li>11.02.26- Reception Singing assembly-2.55pm upper hall</li> <li>13.02.26-Reception dance- E&amp;C Lunch hall 9.15am</li> <li>16.02.26 - Last day (half term)</li> <li>23.02.26 - Return to school</li> </ul>	<b>June 2026</b>
<b>March 2026</b> 27.03.26 - Last day (Easter holidays)	<b>July 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>03.07.26 – INSET Day – school closed</li> <li>17.07.26 – Last day of School</li> <li>20.07.26 – INSET Day – school closed</li> </ul>

Week Beginning 10/11/25		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Green Park	99.3%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Putney Bridge	100%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Kew Gardens	98%
Week Beginning 17/11/25		
Attendance Winners for Yr1-2 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Green Park	98.3%
Attendance Winners for Yr3-4 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Euston Square	99%
Attendance Winners for Yr5-6 <i>Percentage of attendance</i>	Covent Gardens	98.6%

